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Floating Restaurant.
Garages in Central Dist.
C.B. Office.

7a.m. - 12Noon.
3-8-38.

Re two handcuffed prisoners escaped from the Japanese Military Water Police, Floating Restaurant.

At 7a.m. on the 3/8/38 a telephone message was received from 2nd Lieut. Yoshioka, Officer i/c of the Japanese Military Water Police, Floating Restaurant, to the effect that two Chinese prisoners whose hands were secured with handcuffs, had escaped from the cell in the Floating Restaurant between 2.30a.m. and 3a.m. on the 3/8/38. He therefore requested that assistance be rendered by the S.M.P. and French Police to locate the prisoners.

The names and description of two prisoners are as follows:-

(1) Po Hsi Ming (白錫明), age 31, native of Chichiang, 5'6" in height, slim build, oblong face, pale complexion, short cut hair, opium smoker, wearing white cotton shirt and short pants, bare foot, both hands being handcuffed. Speaking Kwapo dialect.

(2) Lo Pao Hua (羅寶華), age 28, native of Chekiang, 5'2½" in height. Medium build, oblong face, pale complexion, short hair brushed backwards, wearing yellow shirt of blue stripes, and khaki short pants, bare feet, both hands being handcuffed. Speaking Ningpo dialect.

Enquiries revealed that the above two persons were arrested by the members of the Japanese Military Police attached to the Floating Restaurant Water Police while on a boat on the Whangpoo River on 31/7/38. They were then detained in the cell of the Floating Restaurant on

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H. Q. C. B. Station, 38

REPORT

Date July 31, 1938

Subject ASSISTANCE TO JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE.

Made by D.S.I. Konovaloff Forwarded by D.I. Glover

Sir,

At 3.30 p.m. on the 31st July, 1938, D.S. Tanaka of S. P. Office informed D.I. Glover that the Japanese Military Police request the S. M. Police to render the assistance to search two rooms Nos. 717 and 719 of the Yangtse Hotel.

At 4.30 p.m. even date, Warrant Officer Y. Shibuya with posse of Japanese Military Police brought to C.I.H.Q. two male Chinese namely :-

(1) PAO HAN MING (包漢明), and

(2) LOO PAO WHA (羅寶華), both native of Pootung,

who were arrested by the J. M. Police in Pootung at about 12 noon today, the 31-7-38. (No arms seized).

Warrant Officer Shibuya stated that the two arrested men are members of Mobile Unit operating in Pootung and that prior to their arrest they stayed in the Yangtse Hotel, occupying the rooms 717 and 719.

In view of the above Warrant Officer Shibuya requested the assistance in performing a search of these two rooms. Upon instructions received from O./I. C.I., D.I. Glover, D.S.I. Konovaloff and D.S.I. Soong Ping Tsung, D.S. Tanaka, with assistance of S.I. Shoo of Louza Police Station, accompanied the J. M. Police to the Yangtse Hotel. On examining of the Register Book it was ascertained that the two arrested men had occupied the rooms Nos. 717 and 729 (not 719) for the past two days. However, no other occupants were seen in the rooms and nothing was found therein.

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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. S. I.

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Two Terrorists Escape From Japanese Hands

Men Said To Have Broken Out Of "Floating Restaurant"

Two Chinese who were being held by the Japanese authorities, described as having been terrorists, escaped from their detention cells at the "Floating Restaurant" off the Bund near Peking Road early yesterday morning, according to information obtained from authentic sources by THE CHINA PRESS last night.

No details of how their escape was effected, or just who they were, was revealed last night by the Japanese officials in charge of the river patrol station maintained at the "Floating Restaurant."

Nor was it possible to learn the names of the two men who escaped. The fact that they did "lam" out of the place during the early morning hours yesterday was made known to the Settlement police, but aside from this no information of importance was furnished the S.M.P.

It was learned by THE CHINA PRESS, however, that most of the prisoners held at the "Floating Restaurant" are kept in quarters on the second deck. Other prisoners also are reported to be kept in launches, which are sometimes anchored or tied up to the side of the place.

Meanwhile, Settlement police authorities in charge of the interrogation of the 29 suspected Chinese terrorists now in their hands, were still working late hours in carrying on their inquiries.

No indication as to the recent progress, if any, of the investigation was revealed by the police. Of those now in custody, it is claimed that 10 have confessed to various acts of terrorism in the Settlement including assassinations and bombings.